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INFILTRATION IN J& K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt in infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir;.

(b) if so, the number of terrorists infiltrated so far in 2006 as compared to the corresponding period of previous year;

(c) whether many terrorists have established their hides in hills of J&K;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of terrorists hiding in such areas;

(d) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to take them out from their hides;and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check the infiltration?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 299 terrorists estimated to have infiltrated in till June 30, 2006 as compared to 92 in the corresponding period of last year.

(c) to (e): Inputs suggest that hideouts of terrorists are located in hills and upper reaches in the State like forest areas of Magam, Handwara, Budhal, Zarhama, etc. The anti terrorist operations are launched by security forces from time to time to flush out terrorists from their hideouts. Till June 30, 2006 security forces have killed 275 terrorists including 61 foreign mercenaries.

(f): The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.